

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re Application of:**

Patrick de Baetselier et al.

**Serial No.:** To be assigned

**Filed:** June 16, 2000

**For:** PEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
DERIVED FROM *EISENIA FOETIDA* AND  
THE USE THEREOF

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Sir:

Before examination of the application, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, applicants hereby request that the application be amended as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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**“Related Applications:** This application claims continuation status under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120